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Shuler Announces Winner of 11th District Congressional Art Competition *Andrews High School Senior Jennifer Oakey Selected*

Washington, D.C. – Representative Heath Shuler today announced that Jennifer Oakey, a senior from Andrews High School in Andrews, NC has won this year's Congressional Art Competition for the 11th District. Ms. Oakey's acrylic painting entitled "*Faithful Adam*" was selected by a panel of art experts from around Western North Carolina. The work will be hung for one year, along with other congressional district winners from across the U.S., in the Cannon Office Building Tunnel leading to the U.S. Capitol.

"The artistic talent displayed through the works submitted this year from across the 11th District was extremely impressive," said Rep. Shuler. "I congratulate Ms. Oakey for creating this wonderful piece of artwork and for representing Western North Carolina in Washington, DC."

Dedra Davis, an art teacher at Andrews High School, said of her student Jennifer Oakey, "She is one of the most talented art students I have taught in my 16 years at Andrews High School. She has a totally unique and natural ability to represent the world around her."

Ms. Oakey was the first runner-up in the 2006 Congressional Art Competition.

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